(iii) NALCO participates in various exhibitions organised at Angul, Damanjodi and Bhubaneswar for wide publicity of NALCO's requirement of its spare parts and components.

(iv) Ancillary status granted to 25 units of Orissa based SSI units.

(v) Payments to outstation parties being released by demand draft instead of cheques in order to improve the working capital requirement of SSI units.

(vi) Rate contract for 32 items finalised with Orissa based SSI Units to ensure purchases from them.

(vii) Meetings are held every year with various State Government officials to formulate policy and guidelines for development of ancillary industries to review the Progress made for NALCO's requirements.

(viii) NALCO has organised visit of delegation of Orissa based SSI units to western region of country i.e. Mumbai and Ahmedabad in order to give opportunity to local units to acquaint themselves with production facilities for setting up of Aluminium based SSI units within the State of Orissa. This may lead to setting up of Sophisticated Utensil making and Alloy making industries within the Orissa State.

(c) No assessment has been made of the impact of these measures on employment generation.

Mid-Term appraisal of the Eighth Five Year Plan

86. SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARY: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the revised report of mid-term appraisal of the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(b) the details of decision taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI YOGINDER k. ALAGH): (a) and (b) The draft of the Mid-Term Appraisal of the Eighth Five Year Plan will be finalised after approval by the full Planning Commission.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED AND UNSTARRED QUESTIONS SET FOR THE 10th JULY, 1996

India's Stand on CTBT

*1. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India participated in the deliberations of the recently held 61 member-States Conference on disarmament in Geneva;

(b) if so, the details of the discussion held and outcome thereof;

(c) whether India's position on the CTBT (Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty) for complete nuclear disarmament within a fixed period of 10 years was appreciated by the participating countries and whether India put forward any workable/acceptable/new proposal at the above conference;

(d) what is the final decision taken by India on CTBT; and

(e) the number of countries who have signed CTBT so far?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) and (b) Negotiations on a CTBT Began in January 1994 in the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva. India has participated actively and constructively in these negotiations. The Conference on

*The sitting of the Rajya Sabha on Wednesday the 10th July, 1996 was adjourned as a mark of respect in memory of late Dr. Neelam Sanjiva Reddy, former President of India. Answers to Questions put down in the lists for that day were laid on the Table of the house on Thursday, the 11th July, 1996.